### SWEET BARD OF AVON

Shakespeare's Birthday Observed At All Souls Church.

DR. FLUHRER'S FINE TRIBUTE

All Soul's Universalist church could exarcely contain the audience which througed its interior last evening to listen to Dr. Fluhrer's lecture on Shakespance. Chairs Gees' brought from the lecture roum and placed in the sinies until all were finally mated. The lecture was a masterly effort, and the close attention given by all who heard it was strong evidence that it was fully appreciated.

appreciated.

Dr. Fluhrer mid that from the small fragmentary sketches of Shakespeare's life which had escaped the destroying element of time, it seemed that there element of time, it seemed that there exect and winning in the man personally. To his contemporaries he was "yentle William," or "the Sweet Swan of Avon" Like all geniuses, he was not aware of his true greatness. His sonnote are certainly the poorest of his works, while his plays, which he wrote mainly as a means of making money, he considered as his poorest, wails in fact they are the works which was make the name of Shakespeare live as long as English literature exists on the globe.

The Cryprogram a Myth. The Bacon authority was folly. No one could imagine that the poetic lines of Hamlet of the "Merchant of Venice" or of "A Mid-Summer Night Dream" could have been period by the philosophic Bacon who was wholly lacking in poetic expression. Shakespere was a true depicter of nature. He was an artist who pictured nature as he found it. He was so rich mallus ons to nature that no followed another so rapidly that he seemed to picture them without effort. Worshworth, Byron and Scott had written many good things, but when they depicted nature they seemed to tincture the scene with their own nature. Shakespeare was a lear glass, through which the rays of light were carried without coloring or would re-

He seemed to know all that was in human nature and he pictured it all in the characters of his plays. He was not only a poet, but a dramatic poet. He pictured the dramatic effects in human ife. So true was he to nature that he followed traits of character to their sequence as we find them in this world of ours. It would, me doubt, have been more pleasing if Hamlet and Ophelia had been married and lived happily ever after, but that is not the natural way in this world.

So far above us was he that he is our despair, but he is also our greater hope. The fact that we appreciate his genius is evidence that there is something of his great genius in our minds; some-thing in us that can reach out for the better toward the best, and that under high perfection which he attained.

Dr. Fluhrer made frequent quotations from the plays of Shakespeare to illustrate the points of the great author's

## City News in Brief.

The three judgments recently ob-tained by William E. Coffin, the New York financier, against the Grand Rap-ids Hydraulic company must be confirmed or set aside by the verdicts of the jury in the United States circuit court during the term which opens this week. The judgments are for \$2,078.19, \$34,-166 279 and \$6.200.71 respectively.

tien. Byron M. Cutcheon addressed a large audience of young men at the Y.
M. C. A. meeting yesterday afterneon
on "Profit and Loss." The general put
new light on the old established principles of morality and integrity, and made a forcible plea for right living and proper associations and purposes.

Bishop Gillespie was taken suddenly ill at the confirmation exercises in Tricity church yesterday morning, and he was taken to his home in a back. His condition last evening was reported not to be seriously alarming.

The first class to be graduated from the St. Mark's Nurse's training school will receive their diplomas tomorrow seening in St. Mark's church. After the ceremony a reception will be ten-dered in the Kendall home.

The annual meeting of the stockhold ers of the Log Mountain Coal, Coke and Timber company will be held at the company's office in Pineville, Ky. on Tuesday, May 2, for the purpose of electing directors, etc.

St Agnes' Guild of Trinity church, o which Mrs. Henry Mitchell is president, is making preparations to present the "Temple of Fame" in the church Tuesday and Weinesday evenings, May 2.1

Saginaw Odfellows expect to send a g delegation over to the anniversary colobration here on Wednesday. Reduced rates have been secured on all the reads and a crowd is socked for. The Immanuel hapt'st mission on

North College avenue was closed yester-day on account of the repairs which are being made in the interior.

The oil painting, "Liewellyn Sinters," by Osthones, which was exhibited by the Art association last week, has been

The Art association has quite an in-

Directors of the Kent county fair will

Flavoring

MATURAL FRUIT FLAVORS.

Of great strongth, Seconomy in their use

The last weekly meeting of the pout city council will be held tonight.

Personal Mention.

The marriage of Will Wurster the sell known singer to Miss Amy Cooper of Syracuse, New York, is announced to take place in Syracuse today.

Charles H. Fenton has sold to Currie H. Wright five scree of land, at the corner of Griggs avenue and Madison avenue, for \$1,000.

Dennis Cumpau and wife are home one Florida, where they spent the past

Major McKee will remove to the city on the Soklier's home about May 1. Dr. Charles Fluhrer was in Ann Ar-or and Ypullanti last week.

Harry C. White has returned from seeks' visit in Detroit. Miss Dorn White has returned from a visit in Detroit.

A dozen of the justices of the peace elected at the recent election have failed to qualify within the time required by law, so the offices remain vacant. There must be not more than four justices in each township and the custom is to keep four inoffice, although in the sparsely settled districts some of them have nothing to do in the official line for years together. The performance of a marriage ceremony is, with many of them, quite an avent, and to go into and out of office without having tried a case, a common occurrence. The failures to qualify are not unusual, although there are more of them this year than ordinary. Bon't Care for the Office

Where is Young Van Der Sluis? Leendert Marienia Van Der Sluis, a young man 25 years old, residing with John Vecar of No. 122 Bradford street. left his home mysteriously yesterday morning and his friends think he has become demented. The following description of him was given to the police and they are watching for him: Fire feet seven inches tall, weight 150 pounds. dark complexion, brown hair, small light brown mustache, high forchead, prominent nose, walks erect, dark brown overseat old country make, dark striped trouges, brown, shirt, derby hat, new shoes, and talks but very little English. The young man recently came from Amsterdam, Utrecht.

Burned the Gate-House.

A general alarm of fire was turned in at 12 o'clock yesterday from box 131. It was caused by a fire in the old gatehouse over the east side canal at the dam. The fire is supposed to have originated with a gasoline stove used by the sucker-catchers who operate dip nets near the dam. One of the fishermen named Collins lost his eyebrows, scorched his hands and singed his coat. The rotten old shed burned fiercely and was nearly destroyed. The mechanical appliances with which the canal gates are raised and lowered were not damaged.

Police Clerk S. A. Petton received word yesterday morning that his sister.

Mrs. James H. Keeney of Belding, died at 6 o'clock Sunday morning. The deceased had been a resident of Byron township, in Kent county, for forty eight years, having moved to Belding about one year ago. She was the daughter of Samuel Pelton of Byron and was born at Santiel Ferton of Pyton and was own at Blenham, Canada, in 1843. Her parents located in Byron in 1845. She leaves a husband and several children. The funeral will be held at Byron Center at

Rumor of a Wedding.

10:30 tomorrow morning.

The following dispatch appeared in yesterday's Detroit Free Press: GRAND RAPIDS, April 22. (Special.)
Considerable surprise has been caused in the local social world by the announcement that the Hon. D. A. Blodgett, the well known millionaire lumberman and republican wheelhorse, is to be married in a few weeks. The fortunate young lady is Miss Peck of Augusta, Georgia, who has been spending the winter at the Ponce de Leon resort in Florida. It is said she is now in New York selecting her trouseau.

Colored Church Revival.

The Rev. John Alexander of Detriot, presiding elder of the African M. E. church of Michigan preached twice in the African M. E. church on Spring street yesterday. There was a very large congregation of colored persons at the evening service and the preacher expounded with a loud voice and great view. On Tuesday night, the church vigor. On Tuesday night the church will begin protracted revival services under leadership of Mrs. Bell, a colored evangelist from Columbus, Ohio.

Making Changes.

The Peninsular club house is in the threes of house leaning and spring changes. It is proposed to make ser eral important changes which will effect its outward appearance. The large, semi-circular window which faces Ot tawa and Fountain streets will be re-moved and windows of fine large plate will be substituted for the little check panes now used. W. M. Robinson and A. G. Hodenpyl have charge of the

Charley on the West Side.

The West Side Benevolent Association Helpers is a recently organized society of west side women. They will meet on Westnesday at the home of Mrs. Holmes, No. 60 West Bridge street, to complete the organization. West side somen interested in charitable work are invited to be present. The officers are:
President, Mrs. L. M. DeYoung: vice
president, Mrs. A. Dodds; secretary,
Mrs. J. C. Knox; trensurer, Mrs. Detrich.

Land for Kindling Wood.

Detectives Gast and Jakeway arrested Bill Pyne, a conored man, last night on a charge of malicious injury to prop-erty. Type occupied a house on Logan street, owned by the Rev. Dennis Mul-hern, and last winter it is charged he used a portion of the floor, partitions and the bannisters for fuel. Mr. Mulhern piaces the damage at \$30.

MILLER -Saturday, April 22, at his late reachdence, No. 305 West Fullon street. David B. Miller, aged 25 years. Funeral today at 2 p. m. from the house. GODERRY April 23, at the home of her parents, at So. ILE Sheeken street, Attacks, wife of Frank Godfrey and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Turner; agos 44 years.

The special meeting of the board of supervisors will be held at 2 p. m. to morrie to eject a chairman, who appoint committees for the year. The charman will of course, be a repoli-Surprevisors Colson of Calcionia

is generally believed that the honor will go to a country member and to the country nember and to the country nember and to the country of the most important and desirable committee places will be on the special committee on jail rebuilding. The chairman and one or two other members will doubtless

CONTRACTORS ARE FIRM.

Claim the Union Has Depo

They Claim the Union State Depreciated the Misson Treats.

"My position is this," said Contractor George H. Davidson last evening: "I don't hold with the idea of contractors trying to dictate any terms by which men should work for them, and no one class; but, on the other hand, they have a right to hire whom they wish and to pay a scale of wages asperding to what men are worth instead of being obliged by a union to pay all men alike. Why, there are men in that union that can't begin to earn \$4.05 a day—men that I wouldn't trust to build up a corner—and the whole tendency has been of late years to a less amount of work by the men. Why, years ago, when I worked on the Ledyard block, for instance, a man put up a good many more bricks in a day than they do nowndays. Yes, sir, a good many more. And another thing, there used to be an altogether better feeling between contractors and workmen. When they appeared on the job is the mprning it used to be a pleasant good morning all around, and the men worked for their employers' interests cheerfully, but now they look at you sullenly and suspiciously as though you were trying to do them an injury when you're paying them \$4.00 for nine hours work and they seem to care for nothing but to get your money. Another point is they want you to employ none but union men and yet turn around and take jobs themselves at the first chance. I've nothing to say against that part of it though, they've a perfect right to work for the owner or other builders, but I shall also employ whom I please. It is a fact though, that a contractor can scarcely get any work in dull times of the year because the little jobs are all taken up by the men.

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No. I don't know just how many men are working now but I do know that the exchange received a great many letters from applicants the last of last week who will come on provided they are guaranteed to be kept at work through the season. However, they are the season in the last of last week who will come on provided they are guaranteed to be kept at work through the season. However, has started a job at Ionia with non-union men I believe and the Berkey & Gay job will be started on tomorrow. There's room for twenty five or thirty men there and I guess they've got enough now to start it. I haven't much work now, but if I had I should employ outside men or any men and pay them what they've worth. If all the other contractors on the exchange should give contractors on the exchange should give in to this eight-hour demand I would stand out and oppose it."

TRINITY CONFIRMATION.

Bishop Gillespie Administered the Rites to a Large Class.

Bishop Gillespie confirmed a class of sixteen adults in the episcopal faith in Trinity church yesterday morning. The little church was crowded with members of the parish and the music by the vested choir was admirably rendered. The confirmation service was of two hours' duration, so long that there was no time for special services. The subject of the bishop's sermon was "Love Between Man and God," from which was delivered a masterly sermon. He also took occasion to congratulate the rector, the Rev. H. H. Johnston, on the improved condition of the church since oved condition of the church sine his last visit.

his last visit.
Following are the members of the class confirmed: Dr. Herbert King, Stanton Bliss, Miss Minnie Lawrence, Miss Gertrude Hart, Miss Lottie Meddler, Miss, Charlotte Tibbs, Mrs. S. Smith, Roland Btiles, Orin Ward, Mrs. Mabel Welfare, Miss Alice Watson, Bertrand Rosemond, Edwin Marsh, Francis Jarco, Edward McIlhinney and Lucas Wilkinson.

THEY WALKED IN MCD.

Sidewalk Building Crowds Pedestrians Into the Mud.

Many residents on Lyon street were made to feel very wicked yesterday morning before they reached church owing to the condition of the sidewalks on both sides of the street. One week age the old plank walks were torn up and cement walks were laid. The weather has been so liquid that the walks did not dry readily and the old planks were used to form a fence around the green walks so that foot passengers are forced to paddle through the mud in the center of the street. Many a resident walked several blocks out of his way to save the Sunday go to meeting shine with which he had decorated his shoes. The small boy, too, curses the newly laid sidewalk. Saturday one boy was seriously injured by stepping on a rusty spike which projected its short point from a torn-up plank of the old walk. The people most concerned be walk. The people most concerned benot be allowed to be torn up at the same time.

WILL MAKE A FINE STREET. There Will be No Sidewalks, But Nice Wide Lawns.

D. H. Armstrong, who owns the prop-erty on both sides of Richard terrace and is erecting a handsome class of residences, has submitted a plan for im-proving his street from Lake avenue to Wealthy avenue to the board of public works and which meets the approval of the members. He will lay a tar-cement driveway twenty five feet wide in the center of the street. This will serve as the drive and walks. There will be no sidewalks, so that the lawns will extent! from the houses to the curbstone, a dis tance of fifty five feet. He has asked that water mains and sewers be laid in the street before he improves it, so that it will not be necessary to tear up the pavement again. Mr Armstrong will begin the work of grading the street as were as the weather is settled.

Weighed against that health it so often fails to buy? Dross indeed. While we can none of as claim a total exemption from that greatest of all ille to which flesh is heir-ill health, we may do much to lesson the chances of incurring it, and this not alone by the adoption of such aunitary measures as are to be found in delig exercise, regular hours produces in cating and drinking, and a wholesome diet, but also by resorting to pudictous persentive medication when the system is threatened by unbouithful influ-cation. For instance, residents or exportage in malaricous localities should use Hopetter's formach littless as a defense against ghills and fover, and persons who incorr smoch out-of deer expansive should stepley it as a sale-grand against them. oard against them attent. Travelers in are one treeting the arbitrating industries

Lucky for Brown, Unlucky for Chauncey. On Saturday afternion at about a circlesk C W Chauncey wrote a fire and Embods of Wyoming are sup-posedly in the lead, and Supervisor by R.S. Brown for his slogent new Proctor of Cascade may be "in it." It of gar store to be shortly opened at as

Mouros street. At 7 o'clock the goods were burned and a new stock ordered by telegraph. The less will be paid to by . Chauncey is doing busness at the old

COLUMBUS opent all his interes time the pretition pictures are new neverthyles the fresh beauty of the indies on hancel by the heautiful new late brought by Curi, Knott & Co. for opring and summer wear. Late importations are attracting the attention of discriminating ladice.

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rise from my bed without help. There was
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knee-joints, and left ankie. I had become so
hopeless of ever being any better that

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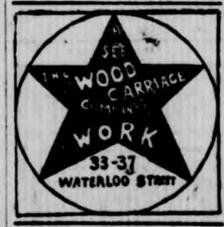
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